State Fund and FR Quarterly Call Summary Thursday, April 9, 2020

1) General Updates:

Covid-19 Impacts

- Some states are already seeing a significant decrease in state fund revenue based on a drop in fuel sales and expect to see greater impacts going forward
- 2 participants cautioned that state funds might be raided as a result of all state budgets experiencing deficits
- Several participants mentioned suspending environmental fieldwork, some states have suspended all fieldwork. Varies by state and location
- NM mentioned using video technology to be present in the field during tank repairs and installations.
- Similarly, some states programs are allowing documents to be notarized via video chat
- FYI: See attached OECA memo from March 26 on enforcement discretion. Page 4
 mentions allowing digital signatures instead of wet signatures for the time being.
- FYI: See OLEM memo from April 10 on continuing field work: [HYPERLINK "https://www.epa.gov/newsreleases/epa-takes-action-guide-health-and-safety-decisions-cleanup-sites-during-covid-19"]

ASTSWMO Survey on Covid-19 Impacts to State UST Cleanup Funds (Mahesh Albuquerque, CO)

- ASTSWMO request to fill out Covid-19 Impact survey by Wednesday, April 15
- Link to survey: [HYPERLINK

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New approach to State Fund Review and Closeout

- In an effort to expedite the process, state fund soundness review closeout will be via conference call going forward
- Be on the lookout for an email from your EPA Region to schedule call

2) Submitted Questions/Other topics:

From Stuart Friedman in NJ

 Requiring owner/operator names to be listed as an additional insured when business name or LLC is listed on the policy.

From Joel Fischer in MN

- Regarding when a state fund is asked to pay for non-cleanup costs (i.e., equipment upgrades due to new regs or compatibility issues associated w/E-15)
- See attached document from AZ

3) Conclusion:

Email future agenda items to [HYPERLINK "mailto:Krulick.emma@epa.gov"] Next meeting tentatively scheduled for Thursday, July 16 at 2:00pm-3:00pm